

## ***Abstract***

[01284] The present invention relates to novel colon related polynucleotides and the polypeptides encoded by these polynucleotides herein collectively known as "colon antigens," and the use of such colon antigens for detecting disorders of the colon, particularly the presence of colon cancer and colon cancer metastases. More specifically, isolated colon associated nucleic acid molecules are provided encoding novel colon associated polypeptides. Novel colon polypeptides and antibodies that bind to these polypeptides are provided. Also provided are vectors, host cells, and recombinant and synthetic methods for producing human colon associated polynucleotides and/or polypeptides. The invention further relates to diagnostic and therapeutic methods useful for diagnosing, treating, preventing and/or prognosing disorders related to the colon, including colon cancer, and therapeutic methods for treating such disorders. The invention further relates to screening methods for identifying agonists and antagonists of polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention. The present invention further relates to methods and/or compositions for inhibiting the production and function of the polypeptides of the present invention.